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The amendment to claims 9, 10, 21, 22, 25, and 27 of "metallurgically" to recite that a junction auxiliary material is integrated metallurgically with the metal base member (claims 9 and 10), an intermediate layer is integrated metallurgically with the metal base member (claims 21 and 22), or that the junction auxiliary material is integrated metallurgically with an iron alloy and copper portion (claims 25 and 27) raise new issues that require further consideration and/or search. These amendments also raise the issue of new matter and are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal. Additionally, the arguments are moot as they are drawn to amendments not being entered.

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